

**HIGH PRIORITY CRITERIA
FY 2005 EQIP - PENNSYLVANIA**

Name: _____

County: _____

NOTE: Applicants must meet one of the following criteria and agree to correct the problems to be considered for EQIP cost-sharing assistance.

1. Soil Erosion (sheet & rill >2T)	YES	NO

Does RUSLE sheet & rill erosion in at least one field exceed 2T based on average annual soil loss

2. Soil Erosion (gully)	YES	NO

At least 100' long X 1' deep

3. Streambank Erosion (from livestock)	YES	NO

Is there a bare and eroding streambank due to livestock access to the stream?

4. Problem Source Pollution (does not meet standards)	YES	NO

Is there a problem source of pollution within 200 ft. upstream/upslope of a stream (intermittent or permanent as indicated on a USGS 7.5 minute quad or in a published NRCS Soil Survey), permanent flowing spring, sinkhole, water well (for well 100' any direction) or **permanent** water body from at least one of the following sources: barnyard, waste handling, milkhouse discharge, pesticide mixing/handling, silage leachate?

5. For grazing lands applications, is grazing livestock currently present on the farm operation where the resource concern exists?	YES	NO

6. For livestock/poultry applications, are the animals currently present on the farm operation where the resource concern exists?	YES	NO

7. If you answered YES to any question in Item 1-6, is the applicant willing to treat/correct the problem(s)?	YES	NO

8. Previous NRCS Financial Program Contract Has any contract previously held by the producer been terminated/cancelled by the Agency due to non compliance?	YES	NO

9. If you answered NO to question 5 or 6, do not complete a CCC-1201.

10. If you answered NO to questions 1-6, go to Item 12.

11. If you answered YES to question 8 do not complete a CCC-1201.

12. If you answered NO, to #1- #6, do not complete a CCC-1201 at this time (**unless there is a "Special Resource Concern" indicated below**). The applicant can be considered at a later date if cost-share monies are still available after contracting with all interested "High-Priority" applicants.

Resource Concern:(Describe the environmental problem that doesn't allow the resource to meet FOTG Quality Criteria.)

If you answered YES to #7, or if there are "Special Resource Concerns" you may complete the attached CCC-1201, as a "High-Priority" applicant.

13. Was a CCC-1201 worksheet completed for this applicant?	YES	NO

NOTE:

* No points can be awarded on the CCC-1201 for problems already treated or for conservation practices already implemented.

* Points should be awarded on the CCC-1201 for all existing problems to be treated whether or not cost-sharing is involved.

* Applicants may apply under livestock/poultry, grazing, and cropland concerns for the same tract. However, a separate CCC-1201 is requested for each submission. If both are selected for funding, the EQIP contract will be coordinated and the \$100,000 maximum will apply.